

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

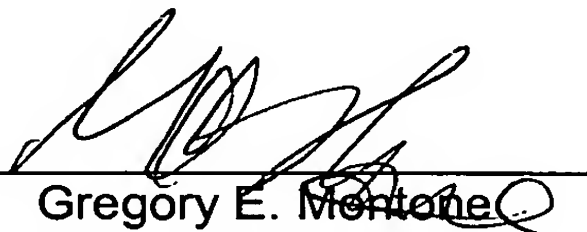
This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004. Appreciation is expressed for the allowance of claims 14-19 and 29-33. By the present Amendment, claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled, without prejudice to the Applicants' right to proceed with these claims, or related claims, in a Continuation application. As such, the cancellation of claims 1 and 2 obviates the rejection of these claims as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,233,181 to Hidaka. Therefore, entry of this Amendment, and allowance of remaining claims 14-19 and 29-33 (all indicated as being allowable in the Office Action) is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 501.39835CX1), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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